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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. McCone:

As you know, the National Security Council, by NSC Action No. 2125 (September 14, 1959) requested the Departments of State and Defense, consulting as appropriate with other agencies, including the Atomic Energy Commission and the Central Intelligence Agency, to prepare a single, up-to-date, comprehensive, self-contained statement of policy on the release of classified military information to foreign governments and international organizations and to transmit such policy statement to the National Security Council for its information.

A working group of the State-Defense Military Information Control Committee has completed a draft of the policy statement requested by the NSC. It has been approved for the Department of State and I hope that you are able to approve it for the Central Intelligence Agency. A copy of the draft policy statement is enclosed.

I shall appreciate your informing me as soon as possible of your approval of this policy statement in order that the Secretary of State may make a responsive reply to the National Security Council letter of March 25, 1963, informing the Council that the appropriate agencies have complied with NSC Actions No. 2125 and No. 2376, and transmit an approved policy statement, as the Council requested.

Sincerely,

/s/ U. Alexis Johnson

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Deputy Under Secretary

Enclosure:

Draft National Disclosure Policy

The Honorable

John A. McCone,

Director of Central Intelligence

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